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MOBILE REGISTRATION . . . Housewives line up by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce's mobile registration unit in the 3300 block of Onrado St. Saturday morning. The Junior Chamber registration team, including a sound truck and Deputy Registrar Mrs. Maxine D. Ruckle, toured through the many new housing tracts in Torrance last week end as part of their "Voters Registration Drive."

### Capt. Alvis Dies Suddenly

Many friends of Capt. John D. Alvis were shocked yesterday to learn of his sudden death Friday night in Paris, France.

Captain and Mrs. Alvis were on one of their many European trips when death overtook the retired Navy officer whose home was at 2509 Via Ramon, Palos Verdes.

In addition to the widow, Capt. Alvis is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mary Louise) Owens of Torrance, and a son, Lt. John G. Alvis, of Annapolis, Md.

Capt. and Mrs. Alvis have resided in Palos Verdes for many years since his long service in the Navy. Among other organizations, he was a member of the Palos Verdes Breakfast Club.

No details were in possession of family members yesterday. Lt. Alvis was to leave immediately to join his mother in Paris.

### Offices Close For Holiday

California's entry into the Union, specifically Admission Day, will be observed tomorrow by a number of offices and firms, chiefly the banks and state offices.

Both the Bank of America, 1255 Sartori Ave., and California Bank, 1403 Sartori, will suspend operations tomorrow. State offices here which will close tomorrow include the Department of Employment, 1828 Cravens Ave.; Department of Motor Vehicles, 1317 Cravens; and the Division of Highways, 18101 Bailey Drive.

### Select Jury At Trial of Five Youths

Selection of a jury is scheduled to be continued Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Long Beach Superior Court in the trial of five youths charged with the mass rape of a 14-year-old Lomita girl here on May 25.

The trial began Friday, but the entire session was spent choosing a jury. The 12-member board is expected to be completed at Tuesday's session.

The five, plus "at least" eight juveniles, police have said, all attacked the girl after pretending to take her to a rendezvous with her boyfriend.

### Temperatures

The following daily temperatures were recorded in Torrance last week at the fire department main station:

	Low	High
Sunday	62	77
Monday	62	77
Tuesday	60	75
Wednesday	59	75
Thursday	54	72
Friday	58	77
Saturday	50	82

### Jaycees Canvass City for Voters

In an effort to get out eligible voters in the Torrance area registered for the Nov. 6 national election by the Sept. 13 deadline, members of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce sent out a mobile registration team, sound truck, door to door solicitors and a deputy registrar, to all the newly developed areas in Torrance.

The "Voters Registration Drive" was started Saturday morning. Moving up and down quiet residential streets the Jaycee sound truck announced to housewives that they were bringing the registration "to your door step."

The ladies responded in groups of twos, threes, fours, and fives. The response was such that the unit put out a call for additional registrars to handle the over-flow.

Many Not Registered . . . Junior Chamber members manning the registration cavalcade were Phil Lisman, Bob Curry, Keith Fischeh, Mike Goetsch, and Nolan Stuckey, in charge of registration was Deputy Registrar Mrs. Maxine D. Ruckle.

In a pre-drive meeting City Manager Don Mansfield reported that over 22,000 voters in Torrance have not yet registered. He attributed this to the fact that "80 per cent of the people in Torrance have been here less than five years."

Mansfield also stated that since the last presidential election, 1952, the voting population of Torrance has doubled.

Qualification Listed . . . In order to be eligible to vote in the coming presidential election persons must register, or reregister, if they have changed their name or address since they last registered; if their registration was canceled because they did not vote at either the Direct Primary of the General Election in 1954, and who have not registered since said cancellation.

### Roofer Dies In 30-Foot Fall on Job

A construction worker was killed and another injured in a fall from a partially completed roof for a new addition to the Bethlehem Steel Plant here late Wednesday, according to Torrance police.

Killed when he fell 30 feet to the floor of the new building was Allan Roettger, 30, of Baldwin Park. His partner on the roofing project, Otto North, 35, of Bell Gardens, was slightly injured although he did not fall.

What caused the worker to tumble through the uncompleted roof has not been determined.

Roettger, a Marine veteran of World War II, leaves a wife and 9-year-old son. He was employed by George W. Fawcette Co., who had the roofing contract on the Bethlehem job.

### Four Injured In Traffic Crashes

Traffic accidents plagued Torrance motorists during the past few days as four persons, one a Torrance High track star, were injured in four separate crashes in this area.

Larry Denning, 17, of 22528 Reynolds Drive, reportedly suffered leg abrasions and other hurts when he was thrown from his bicycle after the two-wheeler and a car driven by Viola June Andrews, 35, of 4641 Sepulveda, collided. The accident occurred Thursday at the intersection of Palos Verdes Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd.

Young Denning, a Tartar pole vaulter, was taken to a local physician for treatment.

Head Injuries . . . Robert C. Welch, 38, of 1437 W. 220th St., suffered what Los Angeles Police termed major injuries early yesterday morning when his car went out of control and turned over at Western Ave. and 228th St. Welch suffered an arm fracture, facial lacerations and a bumped head, authorities said. He was taken to Wilmington Receiving Hospital for treatment.

The accident happened about 4:15 a.m. Welch's car apparently was traveling north on Western and ran off the road, struck a gas main meter and guard rail before it turned turtle, police said.

Youngster Hurt . . . A nine-year-old boy, Charles C. Dell, of 18915 Florwood, was hurt when the bicycle he was aboard and an auto, with Lee Louis Jipp, 51, at the wheel, tangled after 5 p.m. on Thursday. The Jipp car and the bike hit at 187th St. and Cordary Ave., authorities said. Jipp's home address is 18833 Cordary.

Laurette LuJean Shives, 26, of 4312 W. 230th St., was injured and taken to a local doctor when the car she was driving and one driven by Edward Lyle Huston, 26, of 2302 W. 238th collided at 7 a.m., Friday, at Hickory and Carson.

### Bandits Haul Away \$1370 in Two Burglaries

Burglars made a big haul here and in Lomita, Thursday and Friday, getting about \$1370 in two separate till taps, according to local police and sheriff's deputies at the Lennox station.

About \$1295 in currency was taken from a till at the Narbonne Market, 25048 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, on Thursday, deputies said. According to authorities, someone apparently entered the store and took the money from the cash register in the store's liquor department.

Clyde Fitch, 47, of 1935 Reynolds Drive, who was clerking at the liquor department, told deputies he made a few trips to the rear of the store for stock during the time in which the money is believed to have been taken.

Meanwhile, a bold daylight burglar slipped into the H and H Feed Store, at 2903 Arlington Ave., here Friday, about 2 p.m., and took \$75 from the till. Harry Hutslar, owner of the store, but thought his wife was in the room where the cash box was.

She was at their home, next door at 2105 Sepulveda, fixing lunch, he found out later, to his sorrow.

Officer Ralph Walker made first investigation on the till tap.



AFTER CULPRIT . . . Torrance Detective Mickey Fischer dusts a tool for fingerprints at scene of burglary Friday afternoon at H and H Feed Store, 2903 Arlington. Mrs. Harry Hutslar, wife of store owner, looks on. Speedy thieves pried a till from beneath a counter and got away with about \$75 within five-minute period. Fischer and Officer Ralph Walker made initial investigation of the burglary.

### Dr. Ewens Heads Hospital Group

Dr. Frederic Ewens, of Manhattan Beach, has been named chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

William K. Patterson, Redondo Beach businessman, was named co-chairman of the group, which is pledged to support of the voluntary, tax-free hospital to be located on Torrance Blvd. near the intersection of Hawthorn Blvd. here.

Final hearings on the petition of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles for change of zone to permit the construction of the new 125-bed hospital facility at Earl St. and Torrance Blvd. will be held before the City Council Tuesday evening at 8. The petition has been recommended to the Council for approval following public hearings before the city's planning commission.

mittee's formation was made at a luncheon Thursday in Redondo Beach where 32 civic, religious, professional and business leaders of the South Bay area discussed plans for the new 125-bed non-denominational institution, to be operated by Sisters of the Little Company.

Principal speakers were Mayor J. Russell Shea of Redondo Beach; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of health and welfare, Archdiocese of Los Angeles; and Dr. Ewens.

Mayor Convinced . . . Mayor Shea said he is convinced that the new Catholic hospital and the enlarged Torrance Memorial Hospital, plus the contemplated enlargement of Harbor General Hospital, will provide sufficient beds to meet the hospitalization needs of the area at this time.

"As long as we have this private interest and private capital ready and willing to provide a hospital of the highest medical standards," he declared, "I feel that we must all support this free-enterprise endeavor. We will be assured in this way of adequate hospitalization without any additional taxation."

Msgr. O'Dwyer revealed that the Sisters are prepared to enlarge the new hospital as the needs of the area increase.

Present Plans . . . "Our present plans call for beginning construction on a new, 125-bed hospital in February of next year, and completing it in a year or less," he stated. "Our next step will be to enlarge to 250 beds, and subsequent to that we shall be prepared to provide additional beds as the need of the area demands. Our 10-acre site is of adequate size to build as large an institution as may be needed."

He pointed out that the California Department of Public Health requires certain construction standards, and that the new hospital will meet these requirements and even exceed them, so it will be of service to the area for 75 to 100 years.

### Autopsy Proves Fall Cause of Woman's Death

Report of an autopsy surgeon from the county coroner's office Thursday showed that Mrs. Garnet Estelle Armstrong, 51-year-old Hawthorne resident and wife of an Inglewood printing plant owner, died of a brain hemorrhage after falling into a street excavation in Torrance earlier in the week.

The report said Mrs. Strong suffered a subdural hemorrhage and cerebral contusions due to a basal skull fracture. An inquest is anticipated to determine the circumstances surrounding her sudden plunge into the pit at the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave. on the morning of Sept. 4.

Mrs. Armstrong died Wednesday evening at Harbor General Hospital despite expert efforts through brain surgery to save her. She lapsed into a coma shortly after her transfer to the hospital and never regained consciousness.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Colonial Chapel of the Hardin and Flanagan Mortuary, Inglewood, with Rev. Hugh Morgan of the First Christian Church of Inglewood officiating.

Mrs. Armstrong leaves her husband, George, owner of the Armstrong Printing Co. of Inglewood; a daughter, Mrs. Nell Gigliotti, of Hawthorne; a sister, Mrs. Doyle Pinkston of Mississippi, and three grandchildren. The Armstrongs resided at 13442 Cerise Ave., Hawthorne.

The deceased was born in Little Rock, Ark., and moved to Hawthorne at 11 years ago from Missouri. She was employed by the Weber Machine Co. of Inglewood at the time of her death.

### Herald, Three Industries to Get Guard Awards

Three Torrance industrial firms will receive meritorious service awards from the State of California at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting Tuesday morning, Sept. 18. The awards will be presented by Maj. Gen. Homer O. Eaton, Jr., commander of the 40th Armored Division, California National Guard, to General Petroleum, Harvey Machine, and Longren Aircraft for generous support of the local National Guard Unit, announced Chamber President John A. Ebbinghouse.

Also receiving the service awards for consistent support of the Guard will be Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and The Herald.

L. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department, will receive a certificate of merit for his outstanding support of National Guard activities here.

The Chamber breakfast meeting will appropriately be held in the National Guard Armory, at 2505 Cabrillo. Guard members will cook and serve the breakfast.

Jack Phillips and A. E. Thompson, Chamber directors, are co-chairmen for the meeting. Captain Douglas A. Horlander, commander of Company E, Torrance's own Guard Unit, will introduce General Eaton.

Reservations for the Chamber breakfast may be made by calling FAirfax 8-2814. Plates are \$1.25 each.

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NEW FIESTA QUEEN . . . Chatting with Marilyn Revell, chosen as queen of the Rancho San Antonio Fiesta Friday night, are (left to right) Al Hansader, general chairman of the Fiesta; Harry Reeves, president of the Southern California Chapter, Knights of Columbus; and Judge Bernie Byrne, chairman of the queen contest.

### Torrance Co-ed Named Queen Of Rancho San Antonio Fete

Crowned queen of the Rancho San Antonio Fiesta Friday night was Marilyn Revell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Revell, 1121 W. 204th St. She was sponsored in the Southland contest by the Los Crusados Council of Knights of Columbus.

Miss Revell, a graduate of Marymount of Palos Verdes last spring, was named winner over 56 contestants on the basis of tickets sold for the fiesta to be held next Sunday at Chatsworth. Proceeds of the fiesta will go to Rancho San Antonio, "Boys Town of the West."

The fiesta queen received a watch and other valuable prizes in recognition of her success in the contest. She and her parents will be treated to a luncheon and tour of Universal - International Studios.

Miss Revell will enter Howell Dental College in Los Angeles this fall to prepare for a career as a dental assistant. Dick Burch, grand knight of Los Crusados Council, and Pete O'Brien, ticket chairman for the local group, expressed their gratitude for the support given Miss Revell by Torrance and South Bay residents.